GANGWAR): (a) and (b) While there had been no acquisition of shares made by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) in 1998-99, the details of acquisitions made by IOC in the following companies during the years 1999-2000 to 2001-2002 are as under:

Year	Company	Number of shares	Percentage holding (%)	Total amount (Rs./Crore)
1999-2000	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.	137067381	9.61	2225.16
	Gas Authority of India Ltd.	40839549	4.83	245.04
	Lubrizol India Ltd.	960000	50.00	1187.89
2000-2001	Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd.	77265200	51.81	509.33
	Bongaigaon Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd.	148793826	74.46	148.79
2001-2002	Indian Oiltanking Ltd.	27500000	25.00	44.00
	IBP Co. Ltd.	7437808	33.58	1153.68

All these acquisitions have been made from the internal accruals of the company and borrowings wherever required. Therefore, there was no depletion in reserves because of these acquisitions.

Hike in royalty on crude

1744. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government propose to hike royalty on crude;

(b) the details of royalty per tonne at present and the royalty after the proposed hike;

(c) the States which are getting royalty at present; and

(d) by when the increased royalty will be paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR);

(a) to (d) The provisional rate of royalty on crude oil is Rs. 850 per MT with effect from 1.12.1999. Government had constituted a Committee to devise a new scheme of royalty on crude oil with effect from 1.4.1998. The Committee has submitted its Report to the Government on 26.11.2001, which is being examined by the Government. At present, royalty on crude oil is being collected by the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Tripura.

Import of petroleum products

†1745. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of petroleum products imported in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the target fixed for import of petroleum products in the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether it is a fact that import of petroleum products is going to be increased; and

(d) if so, the ratio of increase during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The details of petroleum products imported during the last three years, year-wise is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(b) The estimated imports of petroleum products during the Tenth Five Year Plan are as under:

(Figs. TMT)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
LPG	1275	1587	1539	2430	3391
FO/LSHS	487	1200	3223	4920	5611

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.